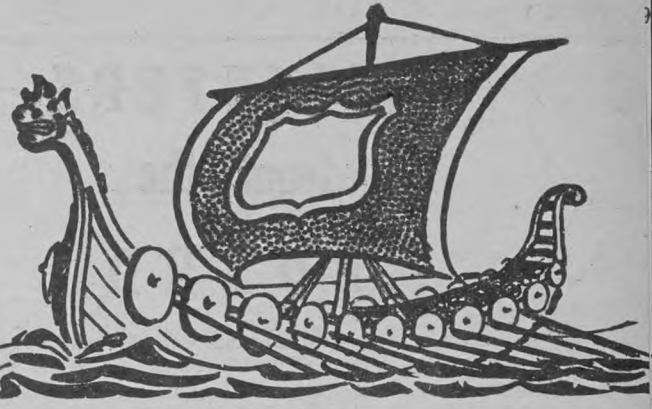




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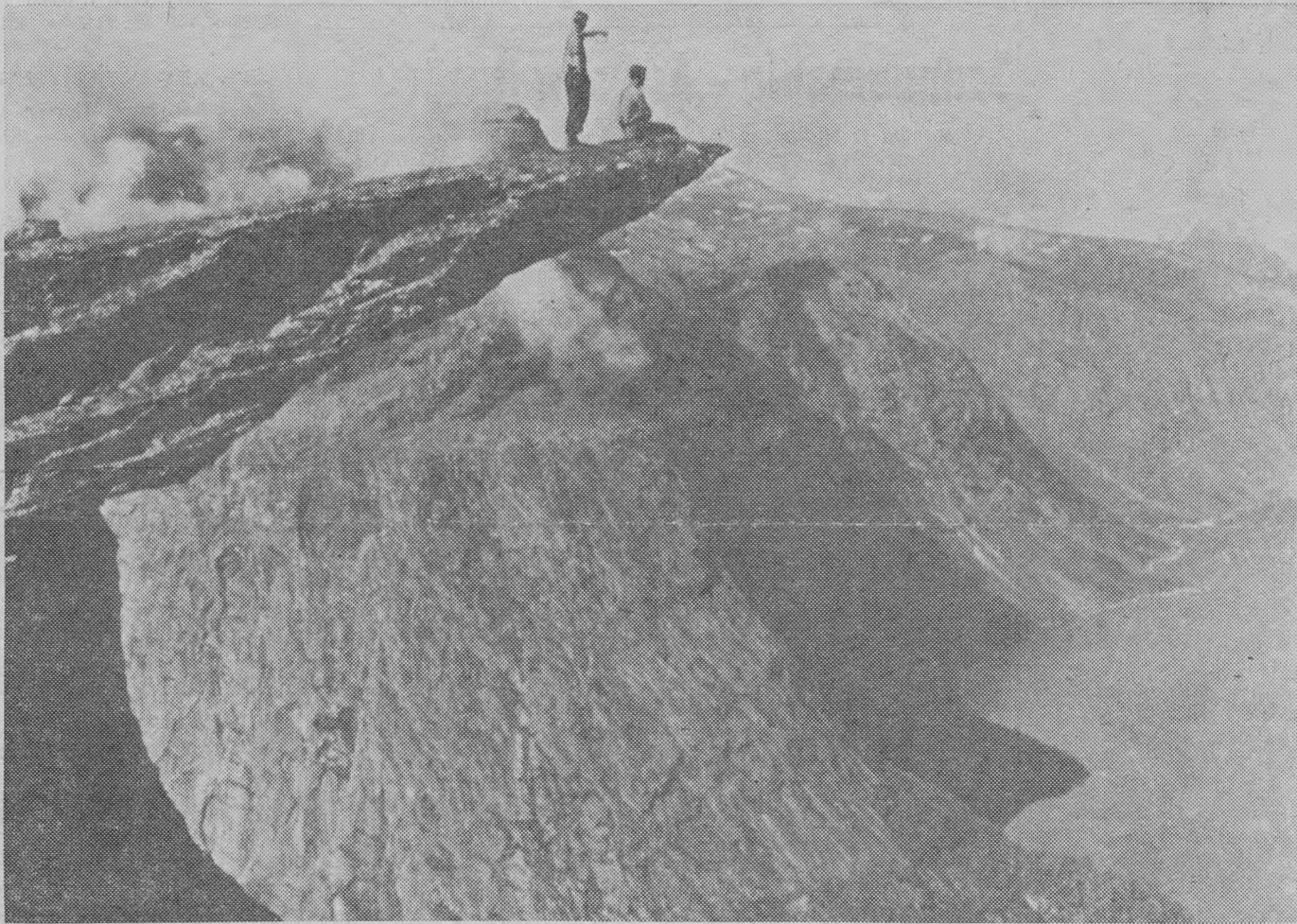
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FLIGHT TO OSLO FILLED



THE TROLL'S TONGUE, NORWAY
... breathtaking view of Hardanger fjord

Walking Shoes A 'Must' For Visitors to Oslo

While Oslo is the smallest of the Scandinavian capitals, it is among the most interesting for the vacationer.

Like a country girl, Oslo relies upon her natural beauty — and for many it is the loveliest.

Through its 900-odd years of history, the city has been ravaged by fire many times. As a result it presents a picture of a unique mixture of different styles of architecture.

For all its historic sights and antiquities, the city is usually remembered for its beautiful and striking location. Tree-covered mountains rise majestically on three sides, while to the south is the 60-mile Oslofjord, dotted with numerous islands.

Oslo is a walking city. A comfortable pair of walking shoes is a must if you are to enjoy the many sights, not only in the city itself, but in the nearby mountains.

Sights and attractions to take in include the Royal Palace, situated on a sloping hill in a park at the end of Karl Johansgate. It was named for Napoleon's marshal who became Sweden's king by request and built the palace. Though Norway is independent, the Royal Palace is a symbol of the country's democratic monarchy.

Then there is the Munch Museum, containing the many paintings of Edward Munch, the great Norwegian artist, the Viking ships, a remarkable collection of the Viking Age, and the Kon-Tiki Museum, which houses the balsa raft which carried Thor Heyerdahl and five others the 5,000 miles from Peru to Polynesia in 1947.

One of the big attractions for many is Frogner Park. Situated on the western outskirts of the city, it is really an outdoor gallery for the works of Gustav Vigeland — a talented, moody and strange sculptor.

The city of Oslo gave Vigeland carte blanche. He was provided with a studio, assistants and workmen and given a huge park in which to display his work.

The results are absolutely amazing. Vigeland attempted to depict in bronze and stone the full cycle of human life. Hundreds of nude figures were sculptured, some beautiful, some grotesque. Since the park was opened, controversy has raged around the figures.

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Scenic Beauty Abounds in Norway

It seems hard to believe that a country as popular with tourists as Norway can still have vast undiscovered areas of scenic beauty awaiting the vacationer.

But it does, and the most amazing fact is that these practically unspoiled attractions are not off-the-beaten-path, but close by, within easy reach by bus or automobile. This is only one of many surprises Norway has in store for visitors.

TELEMARK TURN

Telemark, a beautiful province in southern Norway, is a case in point. From a map, one might guess that this is surely where everyone goes, because it lies between Oslo, the Viking capital, and both Bergen and Stavanger, west coast ports and gateways to the fjords.

Telemark is closer to the rest of Scandinavia than many of Norway's better-known regions, and the map also shows mountains, glaciers,

waterfalls, fjords, rivers, lakes and other features which should mark this as Norway in a nutshell. Even the name rings a bell, but you know it from skiing, because this is the birthplace of the Telemark turn and the modern sport.

Twisting mountain passes have kept the pace too slow for the modern motorist or bus rider, and from November to May the passes are closed by snow altogether. Trains don't touch much of Telemark, and while planes certainly fly over, they can't provide a close look at its attractions, which include a rich folklore in a setting of centuries-old farms and stave churches.

SIX TUNNELS

The Norwegians have found the solution in an old philosophy with modern overtones: "If the mountain won't come to Mahomet, cut a tunnel through it." They have, in fact, cut six tunnels which bypass some

scenic but obstructive roads, reduce driving time considerably and provide a weather-protected, all-year motor route between Oslo and Bergen. Now one can explore Telemark in varied tours of three days or more and without foregoing the other popular sights the tourist wants to see.

Norway promises new surprises in other directions, too. Facilities in North Norway have improved further, particularly for viewing the Midnight Sun. The new Ronvikfjell Restaurant, for example, a popular vantage point, adds a touch of elegance to the Arctic. More of the dual purpose student hotels have been added in Norway, these are university residences during the school year and top-standard hotels in summer. They are conveniently located, and rates are reasonable.

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

We have a new Scandinavian Centre News correspondent for the Finnish Society, Mrs. Sinikka Cumming. Welcome to the editorial staff! We will miss our former correspondent, Mrs. Anne Sahuri, who did a most admirable job since March, 1966. Anne came to Canada in 1951 and has been a member of the Finnish Society since it was formed, about 1952. This was Anne's second term on the paper so she has earned a well-deserved rest. Thank you for a job well done, Anne.

HUNTER TRAINING PROGRAM

One of our members, Steini Jonsson, has offered to teach the Provincial Lands and Forests Hunter Training Program at the Centre, if there is sufficient interest. The course will include eight three-hour sessions on all phases of hunting, wildlife identification, firearms, safety and survival. No hunting experience is necessary. Here is a good opportunity to learn more about our wildlife and why there are laws, limits and seasons. Steini is free any night except Wednesday, so, if you are interested fill out the form and mail to:

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ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

The annual general meeting was held in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre, February 18 at 8:00 p.m. with a small attendance of 55 people. The meeting was called to order by president Paul Karvonen and the directors were introduced — W. G. Halldorson, E. Halberg, H. Haugen, P. Johnson, C. Lindquist, L. Petersson, E. Salo Mrs. R. Sivertsen, K. Sorenson, S. Sorenson and G. Thorvaldson. Auditor W. Broen was also at the head table.

The following is a brief summary of the meeting:

- The minutes of last year's annual meeting were read by W. G. Halldorson.
- President Karvonen read the reports of the directors which were all favourable, particularly the charter flights.
- Director Harvey Haugen gave additional information on the Cultural Committee by announcing the nature film "Land of the Chickadee" to be held at the Centre, March 15th at 8:00 p.m., and expressed his committee's desire to build a library at the Centre, have a permanent art and crafts display in the foyer and many more ideas.
- The Folk Festival from the city of Red Deer have invited the Scandinavians to hold their annual picnic in Red Deer on June 30th.
- Sig Sorenson reported on charter flights. The Centre's first charter flight was June 22, 1962 and the last flight was Sept. 7, 1968 — a total of 25 flights with 2,056 passengers. Out of this the Scandinavian Centre received a profit of \$30,326., the Scandinavian News received \$3,155. and the share sales were \$37,155. In 1968 the flights carried 358 people with a profit of \$8,231.61 for the Centre and in 1969 the flights will carry 488 passengers. The importance of the flights to our organization was stressed.
- The auditor's report was read by W. K. Broen, chartered accountant.
- New business — \$10,000. is available for expansion of the Centre. Interest was shown in the addition of a good smorgasbord restaurant and cocktail lounge. A motion was made to have the board of directors look seriously into an expansion program. One shareholder felt the Centre was not unique from other halls as there is no art, crafts or artifacts from the Scandinavian countries.

- Tom Nielsen, Scandinavian Centre manager, reported the Viking Room is booked every Friday and Saturday night for 1969 (except for cancellations), but bookings throughout the remainder of the week are not too heavy. A new safe is being purchased after the recent break-ins.
- Another kitchen was requested for downstairs as there is only one kitchen downstairs to serve 2 rooms.
- Election of Directors —
Term ended — O. Borgersen, P. Karvonen, Mrs. R. Sivertsen, S. Sorenson and G. Thorvaldson.
Resigned before term had ended — A. Anderson and C. W. Graeffe
Elected to 3 year terms — Carsten Carlsen, Claus Jacobsen, Paul Karvonen, Mrs. May Rushton and Gunnar Thorvaldson.
Elected to 1 year term — Matt Lehtiniemi, Sig Sorenson.
- W. K. Broen was elected auditor for another year and the nominating committee is — Norman Christensen, Paul Karvonen, Eric Pierre, Knut Svidal and Mrs. Shirley Thorvaldson.
- A delicious lunch of sandwiches, pastries and coffee was served.

The Future of Our Annual Scandinavian Night

The solid core of Scandinavians turned out with their friends to enjoy the culture of their forefathers on February 8th at the Jubilee Auditorium.

The performance this year was bigger and better than that of last year. The Food Fair took on a new look with fine pastries from each of the 5 ethnic groups, as well as a new look in table arranging and dispensing methods.

Some missed the pit orchestra, some missed the dance but everyone enjoyed the Food Fare and Display area.

Bud D'Amur praised the dancers for their advance over last year's performance.

What is our next step? Shall we import talent to augment our already well received performers? Shall we try to make this a bigger

show or shall we scale it down to our previous form of 'amateur night' performance?

You, the SHAREHOLDERS are asked to direct us.

When making your decision keep in mind the four objectives of our past annual Scandinavian nights:—

- To show the younger Scandinavians something of their own heritage.
 - To be the Scandinavian show-window to Edmonton.
 - To give our artists an opportunity to perform under the direction of a professional producer.
 - To meet other Scandinavians and enjoy each others comradeship.
- The future of this annual production is in your hands. Your direction is urged. What is your pleasure?
- Anders Anderson,
Co-ordinator, Scandapades

Scandamania - As I saw it

Where did it all begin? Where did it all end? Was it in the smiles of the dancers or in the voices of the singers, or the people who pushed and prodded to have everyone ready on time . . . I don't know, do you . . . Was it the director Bud D'Amur, who captured the excitement or was it the script writer Warren Graves who found the magic . . . Well really it's unimportant who found it . . . because it was all there for everyone to see . . . And see it they did, a marvelously well staged and enjoyable show. How do I know? I sat in the tenth row and watched two hours of entertainment, just fly by . . .

I had a chance this year just to sit and look, and look I did. I saw the wonderful set that was built by Inge Anderson, Chris Henrickson, Claus Jacobsen, Charlie Jensen, George Key, Clarence Lindquist, Chris MacNaughton, Marvin Myers, and Myrle Travis . . . I saw Ray Phipps and Phil Baker, who made us laugh . . . Irene Hovde and Carl Elgstrand whose singing will not be forgotten . . . And the wonderful voice of Lawrence Day . . . The Swedish Dancers under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. L. Petersson, who are Randy Watson, Leslie Watson, Gail Sund, Janet Sund, Gordon Johnson, Grant Johnson, Peggy Johnson, Kirk Larson, Rita Pearson, Betty Gidlof, Doug Pearson, Janine Sund, James Johnson, John Pietrasz.

The Norwegian Dancers under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lineham who are Raymond Boe, Wayne Hallyburton, David Amundson, Howard MacNaughton, Robert

MacNaughton, Ian Iverson, Charles Delve, Rod Bruce, Warren Clark, Brenda Bruce, Maureen Bishop, Judy Fairhead, Bonnie Stead, Penny Iverson, Rita Aslin, Linden Domstad, Diane Domstad, Leslie Amundson, Heather Amundson, Sonja McBride, Patricia McBride, Debbie Johnsrude, Della Johnsrude, Karen Waugh, Sheryl McMillan, Joan Hyrve, Paula Jorgensen, Elizabeth Berg . . . Crystal Fleuty and Do-reen Joachim whose voices are always a joy to hear . . . The Saga Singers under the direction of Della Roland, who are Ninna Campbell, Jo Couves, Lillian MacPherson, Lucille Oddson, Shauna Ohe, Shirley Thorsteinson, Shirley Thorvaldson, Albert Arnason, Arni Arnason, Marino Kristjanson, Leifur Oddson, Gus Roland, Gunnar Thorvaldson, and the accordion band of Olaf Sveen, Verner Jensen, Aino Jensen, and Edwin Erickson, whose music made everyone look a little better . . . I saw Gail Zazula being glad to be a girl . . . Then there was little Crystal Mina Fleuty with Kristine and Karen who stole the show . . .

Then there was Lena, (Dorothy Roche) who must have just stepped off the boat . . . with her stories of those darn Norwegian winters . . . and to help with the comedy, Eileen Yonkers, a wonderful person . . .

Yes, this year I could sit back and watch, and do you know, it made me feel proud to be Scandinavian, and a member of the Scandinavian Center, because there on the stage, that is what it's all about. . .

Harv Haugen
Cultural Director

TALENT REGISTER

Our annual variety show is over for another year and judging from comments after the show it was an unqualified success. The show, the displays and particularly the food fair have received lots of praise. Plans are already underway for next year's show. Harvey Haugen, who is director of the cultural committee, wants to catalogue all the talent available among Scandinavians in Edmonton and surrounding area. So, if you can act, sing, dance, play an instrument, perform sleight of hand, gymnastics, etc., fill out the form below and mail to Mr. Harv Haugen. 14220 - 125 Avenue., Edmonton 42.

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PLANS TO SAIL 'VIKING SHIP' TO GREENLAND

KELOWNA, B.C. — Ship-builder Eric Jennens, who credits his Nordic background with giving him the idea, plans to sail the 60-foot replica of a Viking ship he built from Newfoundland to Greenland, using only a single sail and the strong backs of 36 adventurous types he hopes will sign on for the glory of rowing 900 miles.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE

The president and board of directors thank ALL who helped with Scandapades on February 8th — the co-ordinator, chairmen and assistants of various committees, the director, performers, set builders, technicians, ushers, the Food Fair workers and people in the Display area. Without you we couldn't have put on such a successful evening.
As retiring president I would like to thank the directors for their assistance throughout the past year.
Paul Karvonen.



I'd like to thank everyone who helped me last year by sending in their news items each month.
Anja Sahuri.

Congratulations to Mrs. J. Macky of Cloverdale, B.C., who will be celebrating her special birthday in March. All your friends in Edmonton, and the members of the Finnish Society wish you a very Happy Birthday.

Thank you ladies for your delicious baking and your help on Feb. 8th. for Scandapades.

B. Rama and T. Liimatainen.

Mrs. John Rama travelled to Ottawa, Ontario recently to visit with her son Clarence and his wife.

A house warming party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Riku Vesaniemi on Feb. 7. Many came to wish them well in their new home.

On Sunday, Jan. 19, a meeting of the Finnish Society was held for the purpose of electing a new executive. They are as follows:

President — Esko Salo. Vice President — Veikko Kujala. Secretary — Veikko Leino. Treasurer — Tauno Salomaa. Membership Chairman — Pekka Utunen. Members — Matti Lehtiniemi, Esa Kanerva, John Rama, Paul Karvonen. Entertainment Committee: Chairman — Matti Lehtiniemi. Esa Kanerva, Veikko Kujala, Victor Harvonen, Paula Hovatta, and Maija Utunen.

Mr. Heino Kammonen passed away on January 22, in Edmonton. He is survived by his wife Kerttu, his daughter Terttu of Calgary, and his son Veikko of Vancouver. Funeral services were held on January 27.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our friends for a surprise housewarming. Thank you all for the lovely gift and flowers. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Vesaniemi.

The monthly dance will be held on March 1st, in the Dania Room, at 8 p.m. This is a Kalevala Dance, so please wear your national costumes. There will be a short entertainment.

The annual fishing derby will be held on March 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lac LaNonne. Mr. John Rama is the organizer.

The annual Laskiainen was held at Mere Lake on Feb. 23. Everyone met at the home of Mr. Veikko Leino.

An executive meeting was held on Feb. 10 at the home of president Esko Salo.

Rauha and Veijo Niska-Aro wish to announce the birth of a little brother for Ben. Glen Martin was born on Jan. 21, 1969, weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz.

Everyone please call or write to let me know what you'd like to share with others through the Scandinavian News.

Phone: 476-6341. Write: 13425 - 101 St. Edmonton 30. S. Cumming.

Mrs. Mina MacDonald Honored on Birthday



Mrs. Mina MacDonald was guest of honor on Sunday, January 26 when Dr. and Mrs. Byrnes Fleuty entertained approximately eighty friends on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Special guests during the afternoon were Premier and Mrs. Harry Strom, Hon. and Mrs. Henry Ruste, and Consul and Mrs. Arne Johannessen.

"Minnie," as she is commonly known to her friends, is an Honorary Member of the Sons of Norway lodge in Edmonton. She served as Social Director for nine years and remains a staunch supporter of the cultural activities in both Sons of Norway and the Scandinavian Centre. Her contribution to the field of entertainment has been outstanding.

During the afternoon Angus MacDonald expressed appreciation to a "wonderful Mother" on behalf of all the family and wished her continued good health and happiness.

Beautiful floral arrangements were received from — Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nilsen, Mr. and Mrs. Arne Johannessen, Mr. and Mrs. B. Fleuty, Toronto, daughter Shirley and family, Los Angeles, daughter Patricia and family, Terrace, B.C. daughter Crystal and family, Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. Sig. Sorenson. Mr. and Mrs. Knut Svidal.

Long distance phone calls came from — daughters Shirley and Patricia, Sigvald Arneberg and Thorman Hilde of Penticton, B.C.

A congratulatory telegram came from "the Vikings of Prince George, B.C."

Other gifts too numerous to mention were received.

Special tribute was paid to Mrs. MacDonald by Sig Sorenson over the CFCW Scandinavian program on Saturday, January 25.

Olaf Sveen dedicated a special number to her on the Scandinavian Hour over CKUA.

Crystal Fleuty and her assistants served a delicious buffet to the enjoyment of everyone present.

NORDSTJARNAN NEWS

It was a pleasure to extend a personal welcome to District Master Floyd Modin and District Secretary Bert Johnson at our well-attended February 1st lodge meeting, held at the home of Brother Gordon Krause.

February 8 brought a much-appreciated mild spell in the weather for our annual Local Lodge Curling at Usona. Eleven rinks participated in this all-day affair. Delicious food, in the form of "Pot Luck" was served throughout the day, much to the enjoyment of everyone. A record was set for close games; the results of it being as follows: winner of the First Event was the rink skipped by Ed Palechek and included Jessie Flinkman, Paul Bloedel and John Berglin. Congratulations! "Henry and his Harem" fought to the bitter end as Ed's rock drew in, coming home, breaking the tie of the seventh end. John Remin's rink took third place and fourth went to Reino Havanka. In the Second Event, congratulations go to Ben Holmlund's rink for taking top place. Second place went to Buster Sjolund, third to Cliff Robins and fourth to Harry Holmlund.

We are looking forward to welcoming Buford Lodge at Usona Curling Rink on February 22, and on March 22, we will pay a return visit to Calmar Curling Rink. Be ready for the polished players!

Two rinks from our lodge will be entered in the District Curling to be held in Calmar on March 1.

Our regular meeting has been changed to March 8 and will be held at the home of Brother George Sjogren.

An Easter Program is scheduled for March 29 at Lone Ridge Hall. The following month, the regular meeting will be held at the home of Brother Peter Nelson on April 5.

Two lodge teams have been bowling in the Thursday evening Town and Country League in Wetaskiwin.

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Dan Edin,

Correspondent, Falun.

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BUFORD NEWS

We had a good turn out at our last Lodge meeting. The new officers for 1969 were installed.

On the Sick Committee are Tony Lefsrud, Angela Pearson and Florence Pearson.

Gerda Erickson will be our News Reporter for six months and Avis Pearson will take over this job for the remainder of the year.

Plans were finalized to host the Vasa Provincial Curling Tournament on March 1st.

A program for 1969 was set up and accepted. The hosts and hostesses for the Feb. 27th meeting were Gerda and Frank Erickson, Elsie and Raymond Erickson and Tillie and Charlie Erickson.

Our Lodge was interested in the films for Vasa Programs as advertised in the November 1968 Vasa-tjarnan. We decided to send for one and have it shown after a lodge meeting.

We are glad too see Gust Modin is at home from the Auxiliary Hospital in Wetaskiwin and convalescing nicely. Also Ruth Eklund has the cast off her leg and coming along fine.

Gordon and Doris Neil and family of Fairview visited the Albin Markstedts on their way home from Calgary.

Mr. Raymond Wold of Saskatoon, Sask., was happy to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Wold at Warburg.

Elizabeth and Hans Wengberg attended the funeral in Red Deer of Elizabeth's grandfather.

Albin and Wanda Markstedt attended two silver wedding anniversaries — one at Telfordville for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Morden and the other one was at Calmar for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kozial.

Mrs. Irma Anderson attended the funeral in Edmonton of Mr. Axel

Lundgren an old friend of the Fransen family.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Krause formerly of Edgerton spent a few days at the home of Lloyd and Angela Pearson before moving to Fort Saskatchewan.

Elsie Erickson and Lillian Zarowney were sorry to receive word that their uncle Mr. Hjalmar Johnson of Kulm, North Dakota had passed away in January.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wold entertain their neighbors and friends at a card party one Saturday in January.

Sympathy is extended to Kay and Andy Karbonik who Saturday, Feb. 1st lost their Calmar home and all contents as a result of a gas explosion blamed on a gas line leak or break. Luckily their three children had been taken out earlier. The Karboniks received many useful gifts as well as cash donations at the most successful miscellaneous benefit shower held for them on Sunday, Feb. 9 in the Calmar Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Westlund of Winnipeg visited Marvin's grandmother, Mrs. Annie Evanson and Marvin's uncle Mr. and Mrs. Clare Evanson.

Betty Hanson was hostess at a bridal shower on Feb. 14th in honor of her cousin, Marlene Pearson, a bride elect of Feb. 22nd.

On Feb. 7th Goody, Vernon and family visited Goody's mother, Mrs. J. Bergo of Ardmore in the General Hospital in Edmonton. It was a special occasion — Grandma Bergo was 82 years young.

On Feb. 1st D. M. Floyd Modin attended the District Executive meeting held at the home of Mr. John Holmlund at Falun. Others attending this meeting were Mr.

Glen Eliasson from Edmonton and Mr. Bert Johnson of Calgary.

Percy and Gladys Sandstrom attended the 1969 Scandapades. They reported the entertainment was outstanding and most colorful.

Doris and George Modin were so pleased they had visited Doris' uncle, Mr. Signar Lundgren at Kulm, North Dakota, as they just received word he had passed away recently.

The Curling season is in full swing and several of our lodge members have made a good showing in the local bonspiels.

At the Warburg Ladies' Open Bonspiel Mavis Hamilton skipped her team, consisting of Helga Hoyem (third) Wanda Markstedt (second) and Angela Pearson (lead), to take the first prize in the third event.

In the same spiel Gunhild Ladouceur with a team from Breton took second prize in the first event.

Elaine Pearson along with three of her schoolmates took first place in the Girl's High School Bonspiel held in Calmar one Saturday.

In the Men's Open Bonspiel at Thorsby Fred Hamilton with Peter Karabonik (third) Alf Hoyem (second) and James Hamilton (lead) captured the first prize in the second event.

In Calmar Women's Open Bonspiel Mavis Hamilton with Leona Zingle (third) Helga Hoyem (second) and Eleanor Melin (lead) took third prize in the third event.

At the County of Leduc Teacher's Spiel held in Leduc Victor Wold and his team took first prize in the second event.

Our lodge members congratulate Fred Hamilton and his team, made up of Victor Wold (third) Dale Bosstrom (second) and Lillian Kromm (lead), on winning our local curling club trophy for the 1968-1969 Curling season.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



COMING EVENTS

WED. MARCH 12 — Sunray Junior Lodge meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 — Lodge meeting and Kontiki Night Dance.

The 28 Dancers of the Midnight Sun participating in the Scandapades on Feb. 8th added both color and gaiety to the show. One of the most outstanding displays in the lower Auditorium was the Norwegian display. Special thanks go to Mrs. Olga McBride for providing many items of Norwegian handicrafts and helping to arrange it, and to Miss Irene Lagergren for looking after the display, and also Knut Svidal, Anders Anderson, Orla Tychsen, Ragna Sivertsen, Leiv Aasgard, Olav Myhre, Joe and Clara Lineham, and too all who lent a helping hand.

Selma Sorenson, who was in charge of the Cafeteria and the

people who assisted her, deserve a special thanks for a job well done.

Gladys Clark and Betty McKevitt are doing a very good job on the sick Committee, please contact them about any of the members being ill.

Danny Lineham played one of the roles in "The Miracle Worker" at Victoria Composite High School. According to all reports it was a big success.

Despite the 30° below zero weather, a number of adults turned out to our first adult folk dance classes. They enjoyed it so much that they decided to come out every Monday night.

At the time of submission of this news of Feb. 15th Sig. and Selma Sorenson are preparing for a holiday in Hawaii, accompanied by their son and his wife Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Sorenson, Selma's brother Norman Johnson and Carol Neilson.

Congratulations go to Joan and Ken Sivertsen who became the proud parents of a baby girl, Tracy Robins, born in the Royal Alex Hospital.

Mr. Gustave Algot is vacationing in Vancouver at present, and plans a trip to Norway and Sweden this summer.

Mrs. Ragna Arntzen has been transferred to the St. Joseph's Hospital, and would welcome visitors.

Recent patients in hospital — Hilma Bukoi, Leiv Aasgard and Harv Haugen — are now home recuperating. Hope to see you all out again real soon.

Your correspondent for this month has been Maisie Amdam. Thanks for your assistance folks!

VASA LODGE SKANDIA



The young people, under the guidance of the regular officers, took over the running of the February meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia. The officers for the evening were:

Chairman — Gordon Johnson.
Vice Chairman — Lorne Weiss.
Past Chairman — Rick Semenik.
Treasurer — James Johnson.
Financial Secretary — Rita Pearson.

Master of Ceremonies — Linda Samuelson.

Chaplain — Valerie Larson.

Members reported sick included Emil Johnson, John Enger, Pat Johnson, and Linnea Christenson.

Eric Pierre was awarded the Grand Lodge cash prize for sponsoring the most new members in 1968. Congratulations, Eric, and we hope you keep up the good work.

Greetings were read from Grand Lodge Deputy Margaret Eliasson, and from the Lodge in Kiruna. Excerpts from the District Newsletter were also read. Elsie Simmons sent greetings to all members for a happy and successful New Year.

Birthday wishes were extended to Svea Erickson who celebrated her 79 birthday on February 1.

Lunch and coffee were donated and served by Ruth Bergquist, Diane Bergquist, Evelyn Hazelwood, and Hulda Ratio. Following lunch, pictures by Miss Emily Mayhew on Greenland and Iceland were enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held Saturday, March 1st, in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Birthday Table to honor members who have had birthdays in December, January, and February. Following that, the "Merry Widows" under the direction of Alma Samuelson will entertain. Now, doesn't the sound intrigue!

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 1 — Curling for the District Curling Trophy will be held. Buford Lodge is hosting this event at Calmar.

March 15 — The Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lodge, 12336 - St. Albert Road.

MARCH 16 — The Children's Club will meet Sunday, March 16, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Scandinavian Centre.

MARCH 21 — A dance, hosted by Ken and Carol Banks, and Marvin and Linda Weiss. This is the evening for the ladies to get all dressed up in their long skirts and dresses and enjoy an evening of dancing to modern music.

Dancing starts at 9:00 p.m., and coffee and lunch will be available after midnight. Tickets, at \$3.00 per person, are available from either Ken and Carol, 424-1949, or Marvin and Linda, 479-5801.

MARCH 23 — Annual Pot Luck Supper hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. All members and their families are urged to attend. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. The Vasa Juniors will entertain after supper.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our Vasa Ladies Auxiliary have spent another busy year. Their 1969 elections were held January 18, at Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson's home. Betty Pearson was elected Chair-

man, Hansine Pierre Secretary, Irma McMaster Treasurer, Minnie Markstrom Alternate Officer, Evelyn Johnson, and Ivy Ogren Auditors.

Donations have been made by the ladies to the Heart Fund, the Cancer Society, the Arthritis Society, the Crippled Children's Fund, the Mental Health Organization, the Oakhill Boys Home, and the Scandinavian Centre News.

Ida Tell in Vancouver was one of the many people who sent New Year's greeting and thank you notes to the ladies for Christmas remembrances.

All the ladies of the Vasa Auxiliary deserve a pat on the back for their accomplished work. Thank you ladies, we do appreciate you!

VASA GLIMPSES

Shelly Paulson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Paulson of Vernon, B.C., formerly of Edmonton, placed third in the Girls Giant Slalom of the Interior British Columbia Ski Meet held in Kamloops during the weekend of January 18 and 19.

Quite a few people missed our recent record breaking cold spell by holidaying in warmer places. Florence Erickson, and Mike and Lillian Collins preferred the beaches and palms of Hawaii to our snow and pines. Larry and Elsie Comin went just as far in the other direction to avoid the North wind by travelling to New Orleans. Wayne Modin attended a conference in New Brunswick, where the weather was quite balmy. Those of us who endured the weather are just plain balmy I guess, for not planning our holidays better. The only people who enjoyed the snow were Ken and Carol Banks who spent a weekend skiing at Banff.

NEWS FROM THE DANISH CHURCH

DKU HAS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Danish Church Abroad was founded March 25, 1919 and it is now a worldwide work. Danish pastors serve Danish congregations in many lands and in many places where a Danish congregation is not formed there are Danish services by visiting pastors. DKU also works with the Danish Seamen's Mission. The anniversary in Denmark will be celebrated with a service in the cathedral, Vor Frue Kirke, in Copenhagen, March 23rd where the president of DKU, the former bishop of Copenhagen, Bishop Fuglsang Damgaard will officiate and the Danish king and queen will be present. On March 25th a great feast will be held in Fredericia, beginning with a service in Trinitatis Church and ending with a feast in Fredericia Theatre. In the Danish church here in Edmonton we will celebrate the anniversary with a service and feast, Sunday the 23rd, 8:00 p.m.

Ansgar Men's Club is again preparing the big dinner and bingo in the Scandinavian Centre together with Ansgar Women's Club. Every year more and more people are joining us for this dinner and bingo. Last year many people couldn't get tickets because they came too late, so remember to buy your tickets in good time this year. The day for the dinner and bingo will be Friday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m., and the price for the tickets is only \$2.00. They can be bought from Ole Knudsen, Pastor Filtenborg or other members of the club. See our advertisement.

March 7th, 8:00 p.m. — Ansgar Women's Club will hold a feast for blind people from the blind institute. The feast had been planned for January but was postponed because of cold weather. Everyone is welcome.

Other meetings in the church: Ansgar Men's Club, Tuesday the 4th 8 p.m., Ladies' Aid, Wednesday the 5th 8 p.m. (questions to the pastor), Ansgar Young People's Group, Tuesday the 11th and Tuesday the 25th at 7 p.m., Bible study evening, Tuesday the 18th at 8 p.m. (Matt. 15), Ungdomskredsen, Wednesday the 19th at 8 p.m. and Ansgar Women's Club, Wednesday the 26th at 8 p.m.

DANIA DOINGS



Our Annual Masquerade turned out to be a success, everybody seemed to have a good time. We hope that you will get your tickets in good time to our Banquet and Dance on March 8th. Bring your friends and come to enjoy yourselves. The tickets are available from any of the Directors or you can get them from the secretary, phone 454-5438. The price is \$4.00 per person. The Membership Draw will be \$10.00 this time as it was not picked up at the February Dance. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen's name was drawn. Too bad you were not there Emma and Carl. Better luck next time.

Monday, March 10th will be the next meeting for "BIKUBEN", 8:00

p.m., 12424 - 141 Str. Remember this will be the second Monday in the month for this month. Hope to see you all and bring a friend along.

Whistdrive is the 4th and 25th of March at 8:00 p.m., DANIA Room. All are welcome to join us in a friendly game. Please come, it is a nice social evening.

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WEDDINGS OF INTEREST
by
Esther Mellemstrand
7th Installment

In the "good old days" weddings are just quiet affairs held in the homes. Some were so unique though, that I feel they merit being mentioned in our histories.

The principals of the first two marriages I shall write about are originally pioneering residents of Czar. Now, through the second generation, they have established connections with the Amisk Vikings.

On April 1, 1907, Mr. and Mrs. Elaine Ettinger of Washington moved on horseback. It was midnight when they stopped to rest their horses at Daisy, Washington. There a Justice of the Peace performed the nuptials, and this official did an excellent job in tying the knot, for they had a very happy and successful life together. They moved to their homestead in Czar in 1912.

totally unfamiliar with Canadian customs, she could only surmise that she must explain that the reason for their Wainwright trip was to be married. Upon understanding this, the representative of the law very politely closed his little black book and didn't come back again.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lunde formerly of Amisk are also from Norway. Hans came to Forsyth, Montana in 1900, and she to South Hart, North Dakota in 1906. They were married in Billings, Montana, December 23, 1908 and moved to their homestead south of Amisk in 1912. Today, after sixty years of marriage, Mrs. Lunde with a twinkle in her big, blue eyes will be quick to tell you that their first wedding was so quiet and uneventful that it too, could easily pass as an elopement.

present at this gathering and it stirred the memories of these pioneers. Therefore, we were also entertained with many colorful tales of the past.

One old timer is describing the terrible winter of 1906-1907 said he had to sleep with his cap on his head to keep his ears warm. One morning he awakened to find an ear frozen. This was due to the fact he said, that while he was sleeping, the cap had been imbedded solidly on to the sheet of ice on the wall.

We also heard that it was an arduous task for ordained ministers to make their calls when spiritual guidance was needed. It was often necessary to drive many miles with horses on a cold day. Meetings were held in small homes or even dug-outs — Harry Cross was one of the brave men who performed these duties. Being a bachelor, he lived and taught Sunday School in a dug-out across from the Peterson homestead three miles west of Amisk. Progress of this school was hindered somewhat when a farmer's cow came along and chewed up his Bible. Tragic as it was at the time, this episode could well have been the nucleus of our district's common expression "Holy Cow!"

In interviewing Mr. and Mrs. Lunde, they mentioned conditions were almost unbearable at times, but like the other pioneers, they bravely persevered.

ears and a prayer!" Thunder and lightning also frightened these new arrivals, and during these storms, the women would gather all the children and huddle under the kitchen table for protection.

Mr. Lunde spent much of the time away from home by working on the railroad, and would often walk seventy miles to visit his family, then on arriving at home he would make the long drive into town with oxen to get the mail and other provisions for his family. It was difficult to drive these animals down the steep coulee hills so it was often better to unhitch the beasts and guide the wagons down by hand. "We didn't care much for these trips", said Hans, so a pair of broncos were purchased at \$175. each. As he was a greenhorn with horses, Mr. Lunde's first experience with them was a run-away. It took him a full day to retrieve the horses, and all that could be salvaged from the load of groceries were two pails of lard.

Beef, pork or mutton were rarely on the menu, but rabbits were plentiful. "I became quite proficient at popping off a bunny with my .22", mused Mrs. Lunde.

Hard times seemed to be the rule for these pioneers. During the height of the depression and the drought years of '30's, Mrs. Lunde canned wild raspberries and saskatoons to supplement the diet for their growing family. This necessitated making

Nature Film at Centre — March 15



It is with great pleasure the Cultural Committee of the Scandinavian Centre brings the nature film, 'Land of the Chickadee' to its members.

The well known Scandinavian naturalist, Albert Karvonen, will present the color film the evening of Saturday, March 15 at 8:00 p.m. at the Scandinavian Centre.

During the past ten years Mr. Karvonen has spent hundreds of hours observing, tape recording and capturing on film subjects ranging from the immovable poisonous fungi to the highly mobile and dramatic spring-courtship dance of the sharp-tailed grouse. You will see sequences taken on the Karvonen acreage outside Sherwood Park, at Hollow Lake and through the mountains to the Mummy Lake area. Mr. Karvonen's material has been used by the National Film Board, MEETA T.V. and the Department of Northern Affairs.

Tickets are available from Harvey Haugen, phone 489-1171, any of the directors or from the Scandinavian Centre. The price is \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children under 16 years.

COMMENTS ---

Dear Mrs. Neilsen,

Receive our thanks and a few dollars for the Scandinavian News. We sure appreciate getting it here and are looking forward to receiving it in the future, so we can see what is going on.

Well, after a period of rain and bad weather we are now getting back to normal.

Sending our best wishes for a prosperous 1969 to all our friends in and around Edmonton.

Sincerely,

Dagny and Einar Solle
9610 Valjean Avenue
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Dear Mrs. Neilsen,

I have enclosed a money order as a donation for the Scandinavian Centre News.

As a former resident of Edmonton I enjoy reading the paper and keeping up with the happenings of the Scandinavian community.

Your truly,

Mrs. Martha Hokanson
630 Berry Street
Coquitlam
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Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lunde on their first wedding day, Dec. 23, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coffey also of Czar, were married on horseback. These excerpts are taken from the W.I. book entitled "The Lander Years."

Everyone who enjoys Scandinavian music knows Sakariass (Fred) Sakariasson who hails from Christiansen, Norway. His accordion and toe-tapping music he executes as lightened the heart and feet of many enthusiastic dancers from Scandinavia. The Swedish Hambo — Santa och Jag (My Girl and I), and the Norwegian Round dances are a must in his repertoire, and when he goes out with his rendition of Lorgsvalsen (The Saturday Night Waltz) or Brudevalsen (The Bride's Waltz), all toes are tapping.

Fred has related that he and his wife, the former Alberta Grondahl of Amisk also eloped. Alberta was a new Norwegian immigrant and Fred did his courting between towns via a Ford tractor. With this same vehicle, he stole away one day with Alberta perched happily on the fender for the long, bumpy ride to Wainwright. They were married at early evening in a small church and their wedding supper consisted of a restaurant meal with an ice-cream cone for dessert. All went well till someone reported seeing an unlicensed tractor being used as a luxury vehicle on the highway. Imagine the frustration of the new bride when two days later she opened her door to find that the visitor was a member of the R.C.M.P.! Unable to speak much English, and

On November 23, 1968, over 200 friends and relatives gathered to celebrate the Lunde's 60th wedding anniversary. All eight children were present. Eva (Mrs. Alfred Delaney), Edmonton; Mary (Mrs. Adolph Wallsten), Edmonton; Peggy (Mrs. Bill Penman), Cooking Lake; Bert, Vancouver; Harry, Edmonton; Edwin, Amisk; Doris (Mrs. Neale Charlton), Czar and Leona (Mrs. Berghoedt) of Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunde received framed plaques from Ex-Premier Manning, Lt. Gov. Grant MacEwan and the County of Strathcona, a letter from Mayor Ivor Dent and telegrams from Prime Minister Trudeau, Duncan Black and Mrs. Helga Lunde, a sister-in-law in Montana. A bouquet of Chrysanthemums were received from Mrs. Lunde's sister Clara and family in Iedsvold, Norway.

There are twenty-four grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren, many of which provided the entertainment that followed the smorgasbord supper. A Norwegian song entitled Barndom's Dagger (Childhood Days) was beautifully rendered by the three eldest daughters, Eva, Mary, and Peggy. For an encore Daa jeg var Liten (When I was Little).

This family and all descendants are very musical. As a grand finale, the eight children assisted by son-in-law Bill Penman sang the beautiful hymn "How Great Thou Art". Many old time neighbors were



Mr. and Mrs. Lunde cutting the four-tiered cake at their 60th Anniversary.

In 1912, when the family moved to Canada, the circle consisted of the three eldest girls, Eva, Mary and Peggy, Mrs. Lunde's mother, Mrs. Paulson and her sister Anna. This entire aggregation made their first home in Canada in a box-car in Castor, Alberta, and lived quite comfortably there until Mr. Lunde found land to his liking in the Easterville district south of Amisk.

In two three-decker mule drawn wagons they loaded their chattels and passengers — Peggy was only a wee babe in a cot made from orange crates. On reaching the Ribstone Creek they found it frozen over, but with a pole Hans was able to break the ice for the mules, and then all prayed that the wagons with their precious cargo would float. Mrs. Lunde described it as a horrifying experience to see only the ears of the mules exposed — she relates the ordeal now by saying, "We made it by a hair, four

long drives into the river hills with a horse and buggy, plus fighting the heat and mosquitos all day long.

The Lunde's are now retired, and living in South Cooking Lake where they maintain a small fruit farm. In 1968, they spent six weeks visiting relatives in Norway, and it was the first time Mrs. Lunde had seen her sister Clara in sixty-two years.

Since romance is the theme of all these stories, it seems fitting that I should report about two interesting marriages that took place in 1968. The grooms' ages were 76 and 86 respectively, and it was the first marriage for each. With the help of an understanding neighbor, the younger groom eloped in June. At their "Chivaree" where the rafters shook with well-wishers, the shy groom's only remarks were, "I should have done this long ago!"

(NOTE: In the January issue, The Johnson Story, Pastor KLYVE, not Klyne started the Lutheran Congregation in 1909 . . . Editor).

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to our young families as new arrivals in the home bring future joy and hope — to Bob and Marie Halldorson, a new daughter, Dena Marie, a sister for Karen; and to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Arnason a son, Larry Brent.

We regret to report another break in the large family circle of Arthur, Mike, and Fusi Arnfinnson, in the death of their brother, John Bjorn of Winnipeg. As a young man, he was employed by the Manitoba Game and Fish Branch, and later the Indian Affairs branch. Fusi travelled by train to attend the funeral.

Sympathy is expressed to the families of Thordis Card in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Sigurros Arnason, of the Golden Acres Senior Citizens Home in Wynyard, and formerly a well-loved citizen of Mozart Sask.; to the family of Mrs. Kenneth (Edda) Lee of Edmonton in the loss of a sister in Nanaimo, Mrs. Brimrum Hopkins; and to the families of Prof. Barney Stephanson' brothers and sisters in the death of their mother, Mrs. Eric Stephanson, of Golden Acres, on Jan. 12th.

A letter from Mrs. Rosa Benediktson, of Red Deer, who has been on a visit with her son and family in Australia as follows: —

"Our trip from Calgary to Melbourne was excellent, and went as scheduled. We stayed one night in San Francisco — where Stephan joined us after a detour to Denver and Tulsa. We spent five days in Hawaii and with one brief stop in the Fiji Islands, for re-fuelling, we arrived in Melbourne on Sept. 18th.

It has been an interesting experience to see how the folks "Down Under" live. To me, this city has a distinctive English air about it, of the Victorian era. Of course, there are some hi-risers, but they are in the minority. It appears to have been a land of opportunity for many, judging by the mansions which they erected in the late 1800 and early 1900's here in the Toorak area. Surrounded by huge cypress, gums or oaks and lovely flower gardens and high clipped hedges or garden walls.

Australia must have a bright future ahead of it, what with the minerals, oil and gas discoveries, if they are managed for the good of the whole nation. A peaceful country, free of riots, but with problems akin to ours.

We are all fine now. Audrey had to spend a month in hospital, and the baby was in there for three weeks, but everything turned out real well and they have a lovely little boy, Paul David by name. Audrey is fine and has recovered 100 per cent.

I am sitting the back yard. It is a sunny day to-day, but I don't believe the temp. was over 70°, which is cool for mid-summer, in Australia. Actually we have not had much hot weather, excepting for a few days. Last Wednesday it was 102° and blew from the north, and that blast from the equator was like from a giant furnace. Actually, Melbourne has a very changeable climate, being influenced by sea-breezes from the Antarctic. I had a letter from a friend to-day who is in New South Wales, and she said it was 115° last week. That's a little bit much for us to take! When I tell the Aussies that you are having 40° below they just don't see how anyone could live in that climate. They don't know how tough we are, do they?

The roses are pretty well finished, the Jacaranda tree has been purple for a long time, with blooms. Morning glories climb to a great height up the trees. The hydrangeas have lasted for weeks and are still a mass of bloom. Fuschias grow six feet tall out in the garden and Baby's Tears cover the ground. Of course they can grow anything here and the plants never need to stop growing, but I wouldn't want to trade homelands, and I am glad I was privileged to call Canada my own.

I have discovered one Icelander, and quite a few other Scandies out here. One man told me there might be one to two thousand here.

On Feb. 1st, I plan on leaving on the Canberra, and its supposed to land in Vancouver on the 20th. There is a two day stop in Sydney, a 16 hour stop in Auckland, N.Z., a few hours in Tonga, and about ten hours in Honolulu.

Wishing you good health and happiness in 1969 —

Sincerely,

Rosa."

We welcome to the city, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith from Regina, from where Mr. Smith was transferred by the Imperial Oil Ltd. He is with the oil and gas exploration division. They are making their home in the Palisades.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Goodman, of Calgary, but formerly from Wynyard, Sask., visited with their daughter and family, Mrs. Shauna Ohe, and attended the Scandapades program. They were well impressed with the many displays on the lower floor of the auditorium, especially the Icelandic section, supervised by Mrs. Freda Smith. In her well arranged and colorful collection, one saw woollen products, from the raw wool, and carders, to sweaters, shawls, wall hangings, mittens in intricate patterns, and an actual sheep-skin floor mat. There were slides lighted for viewing, miniature wooden carvings, a whale's tooth, ceramic handicrafts from lava, and a collection of Icelandic stamps. It was evident that the general public was interested.

Mr. George Key of Fawcett is the house guest of Chris and Ruth MacNaughton during his stay in Edmonton. At present he is employed in one of the city's departmental stores. News of the tragic death of his cousin, the young Mrs. Iampen, has been a great shock to all her relatives and friends. Only home from hospital for a few days, with her small daughter and new baby, she lost her life from the effects of a bus-car accident. We extend sincere sympathy.

Birthday greetings to our honorary life member, Gertrude Johnson, on March 27th. Mrs. Johnson has been a member since the society was organized, and was very active in the original Nordurljos Club of earlier days. Good Health be yours!

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Valgardson of Calgary were week-end guests at the Earl and Pearl Valgardson home. Earl hopes to return to the North in the spring.

Mr. Walter Arason made a quick trip to this parental home in International Falls, to wish his father, Mr. S. Arason a happy birthday, and to visit his mother who has been in indifferent health since contracting the 'flu at Christmas. All who have met these two fine people

will wish health and happiness in the future.

Mrs. Carol Janssen is home again in Penhold after a long stay in hospital in Red Deer. We wish her continued improvement. Her husband, Bill, a popular merchant in Penhold was a member of the Jail Birds Curling team in the Farmers' Bonspiel in Red Deer. Their curling regalia of tell-tale stripes caused much merriment during the well-known gala spiel.

Recipe for POTTED MEAT (Kaefa)

10 lbs. beef, or beef and veal
1½ tsps. pepper
4 tbsps. salt
1 tsp. poultry dressing or sage
½ tsp. ground cloves
½ tsp. cinnamon (ground)
2 medium onions.

Boil until tender, put through mincer, add spices. Put all back into kettle with meat stock, and simmer until fairly thick. Place in pans while hot, and do not slice the loaf until it is cold and well set. (Borrowed from COOK BOOK of the LADIES AID, FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, Winnipeg).

Mr. Gene Rousseau and his bride have been visitors at the Leifur Oddson home. They are making their home at Cold Lake, and their friends and acquaintances will wish them much happiness in the future.

Mr. Leifur Oddson has a number of copies of a small booklet of original poems composed by his mother, Mrs. Asta Oddson, of Winnipeg, and it also contains a few verses written by her brother, the late Dr. Kris. Austman, the distinguished specialist of Winnipeg. These little booklets are on sale in Winnipeg, one firm doubling their order which bespeaks for the charm of her inspirations. We congratulate Mrs. Oddson, Sr., for her initiative in printing her thoughts, and urge our readers to encourage Canadian talent by acquiring a copy.

Those of our readers who met Miss Solveig Gudmundsdottir of Reykjavik, Iceland, on her tour of Canada two years ago, will be interested in a letter printed in the local Icelandic paper from Winnipeg, wherein she asks anyone contemplating a trip to the land of their forefathers and wishing her well-known help in locating family ties, should write her before-hand giving pertinent information as to any details of their connections in Iceland, dates of their departure or arrival in America, etc. Her address is:

Miss Solveig Gudmundsdottir,
Laufasvegi 75
Reykjavik, Iceland.

Mrs. O. T. (Helga) Johnson has moved from the Glenrose Hospital to the Good Samaritan Auxiliary Hospital, 97 St. and 71 Ave. She would be glad to see her friends.

Mr. Leif Oddson has terminated his job with the City Engineering Department and has accepted a position with NAIT. This will give him an opportunity to act as a consulting engineer. We wish him well in this phase of his career.

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Thorrablot and Annual Meeting

The Thorrablot and annual meeting of Nordurljos Chapter was held in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre on Sunday, Feb. 16th with a good turn-out of members. Following a most sumptuous smorgasbord, supervised by Mrs. Pauline Mitchell, the children were provided with ice cream and a showing of films in the lower hall during the annual meeting and election of officers.

The President's report, given by Mr. Al. Arnason showed a busy year, with good financial success, the most important being the fund-raising campaign in November, culminating with a smorgasbord dinner and viewing of the Grey Cup game.

During May, the Crowning of the Fjallkona took place. Two dances were held in March and November, a picnic in June, cancelled by inclement weather, a corn roast on a moonlit evening in September, a children's Christmas party, and the Thorrablot were the main meetings. An extra special event was the entertainment of two distinguished visitors from Iceland in August.

He then called upon Mr. Gus Roland to give the treasurer's report which showed donations to worthy causes, and a healthy balance after all bills paid. The secretary, Mrs. Beulah Arason reviewed the number of meetings held at the homes of various conveners. Mrs. Della Roland read a splendid account of the growing strength and improvement in the Saga Singers, who entertained on various occasions as requested during the year,

the sending of a tape to Gimli, and the forthcoming trips to Markerville, in April. The choir meets weekly at the homes of the members, and is a happy social time as well as a dedicated application to the joy of singing songs in Icelandic and English.

Mrs. Freda Smith, the president of the ladies group gave an excellent accounting of the formation, the two bazaar events and the subsequent financial success of this new branch of organization in Edmonton. Several worth-while donations had been made, the two beautiful Icelandic costumes were made and loaned for frequent use.

Plans have been laid for a Christmas bazaar and home-cooking sale on Dec. 4th, and the warm invitation to any interested lady to join in on the "fun-and-work" evenings met with enthusiastic applause.

The Cultural Convener, Mrs. Ruth MacNaughton requested the appointment of two conveners to share the task of serving both the society and to represent at the Centre activities.

Mrs. Margaret Cameron gave a short report on the sick-and-visiting activities, mentioning especially the many kindly acts shown our honorary life members, which she instituted, and has faithfully carried out. There are, at present, twenty-five honorary life members.

The Press report, given by your correspondent, expressed sincere thanks to the radio stations, T.V. channel for help in publicity; to two guest reporters, Mr. Gunnar Thorvaldson and Mrs. Cameron; to the

Editor-in-chief, Mrs. Shirley Thorvaldson; and to the many who assisted in the gathering of the news during her term of office.

After detailed explanation as to the costs of mailing the Scandinavian News to our many readers, and the attendant expenses, a motion was made by Mrs. Shirley Thorvaldson that we consider raising our yearly fees to \$2.00, single, or to \$3.00 per family.

A donation of \$10.00 made to the society was ear-marked for a future contest for the children as was done last year. There will be two categories, under twelve, and over twelve for the best scrap-book containing information about anything Icelandic. The families of children who may be eligible to enter this contest are warned to be on the lookout for suitable material and make this an educational as well as profitable experience.

The annual election of officers, steered by Mr. Gunnar Thorvaldson resulted in as follows:

Honorary past president — Mr. Al Arnason; President — Mr. Gunnar Thorvaldson; Vice president — Mr. Sterni Jonsson; Secretary — Mrs. Ninna Campbell; Treasurer — Mr. Gus Roland; Sick and Visiting — Mrs. Martha Arnason; Phoning — Mrs. Lucille Oddson; Membership — Mrs. Beulah Arason; Mailing — Mrs. Shirley Thorvaldson; Social — Miss Shirley Thorsteinson; Lunch Committee — Mrs. Pearl Valgardson; Mrs. Eamon; Cultural — Mrs. Ruth MacNaughton, Mrs. Lillian MacPherson; Press — Mrs. Margaret Cameron.

Coffee and Vinaterta rounded out another successful evening and thanks were expressed to the offi-

cers of the past year by the incoming president Mr. Gunnar Thorvaldson. He especially named the retiring officers, Mr. Arnason, Dr. Marino Kristjanson, Mrs. Ila Henrikson, Mrs. Alex Mitchell and Mrs. H. M. Sumarlidason.

PERSONAL NOTE: — May I take this opportunity, as I relinquish the post of press reporter express my appreciation of the pleasure of reviewing the passing parade during the past few years. It has been a pleasure to knit together the strands which join us by our common heritage, by way of the Icelandic News letter. I extend my warmest wishes for continuing success of the society, and hope to read of its many endeavors through the columns of the Scandinavian Centre News, under the new Press Reporter.

Lillian Sumarlidason.

Your due for 1969 are now payable to the Membership Chairman, Mrs. Beulah Arason, 7615 Rowland Rd., Edmonton 80 or telephone 466-6659. The yearly fee is \$2.00 per person or \$3.00 per family. Your membership in the Icelandic Society ensures that you receive the Scandinavian News. Make your remittance payable to the Icelandic Society and forward to Mrs. Arason.

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Book Review

THE FOURTH NIGHT WATCH by Johan Falkberget. — Translated from the Norwegian "Den fjerde nattevakt" by Ronald G. Popperwell. A volume in the Nordic Translation Series, sponsored by the Cultural Commission of the Governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. — Introduction, by Ronald G. Popperwell, sketches the life and literary work of Johan Falkberget (1879-1967), one of Norway's finest writers, with a discussion of The Fourth Night Watch. (Bibliography) — The setting of this novel is a mining town in the Norwegian mountains at the start of the 19th century. Against this background, Falkberget unfolds the story of three principal characters: Sigismund, the ambitious and deeply religious minister who is led through the agony and self-knowledge of the fourth night watch; the beautiful and spirited but unfortunate Gunhild, left in the end to face her trial alone; and the blacksmith Ol-Kanelesa, who has long since come to terms with life, sinking back into the folk for his salvation. (307 pp.) Published by The University of Wisconsin Press, Box 1379, Madison, Wisconsin 53701 (\$6.95).

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Food Fair; Displays Well Received

Scandapades 1969 is over but in retrospect one can only describe the activity of the Lower Floor to be a resounding success. This, I feel, is entirely the result of my very hard working committee, namely, Mrs. Selma Sorenson, in charge of the Cafeteria, Mr. Gary Johnson, in charge of the Commercial Booths, and Mr. Chris Graeffe, in charge of the Cultural displays.

The Cafeteria, which was arranged by Selma Sorenson served coffee and the following Scandinavian pastries: Swedish Spritz, Danish Kringle, Finnish Bread, Icelandic Vinaterta and Norwegian Krumkake. A very special thank you goes to the following ladies, who in most cases, baked and served the pastries: Ruth Meyer, Vera Nielsen, Anna Sund, Mrs. J. Rama, and Pauline Mitchell. Tables, set up in the ballroom and the clubroom, were decorated with paper tablecloths, colored streamers and candles. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Kurt Sorensen for the terrific job of decorating. There were many more who worked to make the cafeteria a success and their support was much appreciated.

The Commercial Booths, as arranged by Gary Johnson, featured a good cross-section of businesses owned by or selling products of Scandinavian origin. The booths were: Olson School of Music, The Downhill Ski Shop, The Yarnbarn, Scandinavian Air Lines, Sorenson Dress Design and Silience Metalcraft. In addition the Edmonton Speed Skating and the Edmonton Ski Club were represented as both of these sports activities are of Scandinavian origin. An excellent response was received from many people who viewed these displays.

The Cultural Displays as arranged by Chris Graeffe and his wife featured displays of arts and crafts of Norwegian, Finnish, Danish and Icelandic origin. Each of the four lodges and the Scandinavian Center were represented with a booth and the total effect was quite impressive.

A Special thanks to Mr. Plewis, M. Wiggmore and staff of the Jubilee Auditorium for the kind assistance and advice.

— E. R. Halberg, Director

New Film on Scandinavia

The new film on Scandinavia, "The Many Moods of Scandinavia", had its premier on January 22, 1969, in New York.

The dizzy delights of pesapallo is only one of many foreign intrigues Scandinavian style which have been captured in the new film sponsored by the Scandinavian National Travel Offices and Scandinavian Airlines System, Inc.

Pesapallo, for the uninitiated, is Finnish baseball: the catcher is the pitcher, first base is at third, second base at first, and, well . . . you have to see it yourself.

No matter what the visitor's game — from solitaire to group think — the hospitable people of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden will indulge him. On the ageless North Cape Arctic shores, in the fun-filled year round cities, besides a thousand glinting lakes, the spirited Scandinavians focus their lives and talents on bringing sweetness and light to the human condition . . . and, most especially in the Age of the Jet, to the human tourist.

Beginning in 1000-year-old Bergen, the film unwinds a sampling of Scandinavia and Scandinavians in all their color and complexity. Some of the samples:

The power and majesty of the Norwegian fjords where small white fishing villages nestle at the base of soaring sea-cut mountains; the brilliantly clad northern Lapps, no longer outcasts of the family of man, now within a few airhours of the capital cities; 700-year-old wooden churches — as old as Notre Dame, but originally built on spots where the vikings used to honor now bare-

ly remembered heathen gods.

From Norway, the film rolls to the primeval beauty of Finland's birch forestland of 60,000 lakes, to Helsinki sunsets, the White City's new pulsating nightlife and the twin Finnish joys — almost mysitcal — of sauna and sisu.

The film ponders the lucid grace of Stockholm — its incomparable site, its crisp and modern buildings. Film narrator, John Savage, who also produced the film, attempts (happily half-heartedly) to explode the world myth of Swedish womanhood; then proceeds to the now prosperous rolling Smaland countryside from which a million immigrants followed the American dream one hundred years ago and to which descendants of those immigrants return by thousands to find pieces of their past.

No trip to Scandinavia — even on film — is complete without a well-rounded serving of Danish fun, food and fairytales. "Many Moods" obliges with lavish night scenes of Copenhagen twinkling with Tivoli and the unabashed charm of a city that knows how to create gaiety; with walks down cobbled village streets past toy-like houses; and with a glimpse of international friendship inaction at a Rebild Fourth of July, biggest in the world outside U.S.A.

The 28½ minute color film will be available beginning in February to travel agents and groups from Scandinavian National Travel Offices, 505 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10017, or 612 So. Flower Street, Los Angeles, Calif. 90017, free of charge.

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Variety, flexibility and relevance are three words to describe the activities at Augustana Lutheran Church this Lenten Season. The 11 a.m. services on Sunday morning will have such highlights as a Trilogue sermon on March 9 where three people will attempt to bring out the message of the text for the day in a three-way conversation format and a service in more contemporary language on March 16. There will also be banners, made out of cloth by people of the community that will serve to focus and underline the message of lent to the gathered congregations. A rough hewn cross is being constructed to be used as a stark witness to the meaning of the cross both in the past and in our present lives. The congregation will use a different musical setting of the liturgy beginning with the Lenten Season in an effort to make our worship come alive.

Sunday evening services beginning at 7:30 p.m. will be held during Lent. A very special Sunday evening will be Augustana's 40th anniversary and homecoming night on March 2nd. Pastor Herber Eriksen of Wainwright, Alberta, a former member of the congregation, will be the preacher this evening. A social hour will follow. Every former member of the congregation is being extended a special invitation to this night. Members and friends are most welcome as the day of February 28, 1929 is remembered when some 26 people formed themselves into a congregation at the home of Victor Carlson. Four of those people remain as active members of the congregation today. It is hoped that Pastor Otto Ecklund of Camrose, one of the living pioneers of the Lutheran Church in Western Canada, will be able to attend.

On Sunday evening March 9, Mr. Carl Sorensen of City Planning will make a presentation on Edmonton's General Plan and what it means for people of the city. On March 16 and March 23, Mrs. Thomas Kieren of the University Home Economics Department will lead parents and young people in considering the generation gap. Everyone interested and concerned is most welcome to join in these evenings in the church hall. Finally, it is hoped that on Sunday evening March 30, Mr. Don Hamilton of Southminster United Church will be able to speak to us on his understanding of the church in the city. Mr. Hamilton is minister of a congregation that has chosen not to construct a church building in order to free itself and its resources for various projects in the city.

The Thursday evenings of Lent will feature some very flexible Lenten happenings as it were. Youngs people of the congregation are planning and carrying out these evenings of worship and reflection. Such things as short dramas, poems, folk songs, and preaching will be used. These evenings will get underway at 8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. It is hoped that something of a permanent nature might grow out of these mid-week worship services that would be of service to many whose life style does not keep them in town on the week-ends.

Augustana Church is also offering to the working community of the downtown area worship services on Wednesday noons. These brief services get underway at 12:05 and a served lunch is available at 12:25. Welcome to one and all.



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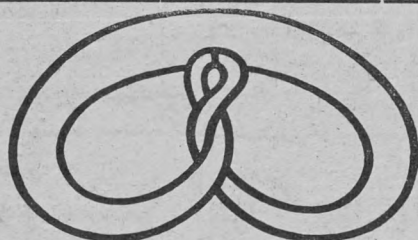
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